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February 23, 2001

Honorable Philip N. Asprodites Commissioner of Conservation State of Louisiana Post Office Box 44275 Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4275

Re: <u>APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING</u>.

Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, HICO-KNOWLES FIELD, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

BILLY R. PESNELL

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BRIGHTON ENERGY, L.L.C. ("Applicant"), hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an Order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, in the Hico-Knowles Field, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana:

- 1. To authorize Applicant to drill, designate and utilize its Ferguson 22 No. 1 Well as an alternate unit well for CV RA SUE at the location shown on the attached plat or at any other location within this unit which would be in compliance with the well location provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 137-X, effective June 21, 1978.
- 2. To find that the proposed well is necessary to efficiently and economically drain a portion of the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, underlying CV RA SUE which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any existing well within this unit.
- 3. To designate Applicant as Operator of the proposed alternate unit well and to authorize Applicant to report production from such well separately from the unit well which is operated by Owl Creek Production Co., Inc.
- 4. To permit the allowable assigned to CV RA SUE to be produced from either the unit well, the alternate unit well, or from a combination of such wells, at the option of the Operators of the respective wells.
- 5. To consider such other matters as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the hearing.

The Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, in Hico-Knowles Field, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 137-X-6, effective July 27, 1999.

Pertinent data concerning this application is available for inspection at the offices of Mr. Jeff R. Thompson, 400 Travis Street, Suite 1800, Shreveport, Louisiana.

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Any person wishing to inspect such data should call Mr. Thompson at (318) 424-0394 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such data which is not otherwise available at the Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

As provided by the Revised Rules of Procedure, the subject matter of this application does not require the issuance of a pre-application notice; therefore, no such notice has been issued.

Pursuant to the aforesaid Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom notice of this application is being sent and has attached hereto a list of the names and addresses of such parties. A copy of this letter and of the attached plat is being sent to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation and to the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties, as shown on the attached list.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing and the enclosed plat at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Hico-Knowles Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, Applicant will mail a copy of the Legal Notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

A check payable to the Office of Conservation and covering the application fee is enclosed.

David L. Smelley

Attorney for Brighton Energy, L.L.C.

DLS:dp Enclosures

cc: Mr. Jim Broussard (w/encls.)

Mr. Chris Girouard (w/encls.)

Mr. Jeff Thompson (w/encls.)

Interested Owners, Represented

Parties and Interested Parties (w/plat only)

